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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 9 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., July 23, 2004 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.85 million cattle on feed on July 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was up 9 percent from last year but 2 percent below July 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 285,000 head, up 6 percent from 2003 but 3 percent below 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 435,000 head, down 13 percent from last year and 5 percent below June two years ago. Other disappearance during June totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 last year and 5,000 during June 2002.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.12 million head on July 1, 2004. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2003 but 4 percent below July 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.64 million, 2 percent below 2003 and down slightly from 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.08 million, 7 percent below 2003 but up slightly from 2002. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during June, 15 percent above 2003 and 37 percent above 2002.

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